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Markup: “The Department of Homeland Security Management and Operations Improvement Act of 2006”

WHO: Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight
Chairman Mike Rogers (R-AL)

WHEN: 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 15, 2006

WHERE: 311 Cannon House Office Building

BACKGROUND

The Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight will meet to consider “The Department of Homeland Security Management and Operations Improvement Act of 2006.”

This legislation will strengthen the management of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and improve the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of its operations. Specifically, the bill will take steps to: ensure the cost-effectiveness of border security programs and activities; statutorily establish a Directorate for Policy, Planning, and International Affairs; and provide the Management Directorate’s chief operating officers with increased authority to carry out their duties.

The bill will also: create a procurement training program for acquisition employees; create a database of small businesses capable of providing disaster relief services to the Department; ensure that individuals with disabilities are considered in emergency preparedness and response planning; establish a Homeland Security University; increase the use of canine detection teams; and implement an accreditation process for canine training standards.

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